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I find it highly disgraceful that the terms and penalties applying to Microsoft have been so weak in contrast to their infractions.

I fear that there are those who believe that the practices of Microsoft in this regard have greatly helped the public at large, but that is far from the truth. The stifling of competition has created a vacuum due to the dirth of credible competition to Microsoft's hold on the software/OS industry. The uncountable number of companies that have been forced to fold due to the pressure exerted by Microsoft both fiscally as well as legally have reduced the ability of consumers to really have a choice. The egregious cost of software for the entire Microsoft line to date is just a minor symptom of this pervasive illness.

I fear that these missteps are due in part to the complete lack of credible experts as to the internal nature of the software of Microsoft. If you reviewed the code (which I admit, I have not been privy to, but I have much experience with the software over the years) that comprised the OS, you would see how it was changed at stages to make it "incompatible" with other software from competitors (i.e. - Netscape and many others). I fear that the DOJ does not have the resources, nor the inclination to pursue this in a manner that is appropriate due to some influence exerted from more Conservative corners.

That stricter sanctions have not been taken is really an affront to the monopoly laws that were so well enforced initially by the Roosevelt administration (and I do mean Theodore). Microsoft's monopoly will continue to flourish, and I wish to add, for the record, that I am disappointed that justice can so easily be purchased in this day and age.

Sincerely,

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